[a]III(A). But a District Local Board may for special reasons grant on retirement a gratuity or compassionate allowance not exceeding 12 months' pay to any member of an establishment employed by a District or Táluka Local Board by or for whom no contribution has been made under these rules.

IV. Every District Local Board shall, from the general portion of the Local Fund at its disposal, defray—

(*a*) A contribution at 6 per cent. of the salary of all Local Fund employés appointed before 26th June 1882 on pensionable salaries which were considered eligible for pension before the date named. Such contributions shall be credited to the Special Savings Bank Account known as the "Local Fund Pension Fund," out of which the pensions shall be defrayed as long as there is a balance at credit of the Fund. In the event of the "Local Fund Pension Fund" of the district being insufficient to meet the pensions, the deficiency will be defrayed by the District Board from the general portion of the fund at its disposal.

(*b*) A contribution to the general revenues of Government at such rates as Government may from time to time fix (at present $\frac{1}{10}$th of the net salaries) as a contribution to secure the pension only of the officers appointed for the first time on or after 26th June 1882 (the date the Local Fund Pension Fund was closed to new employés) on pensionable salaries.

V. The net salary of all existing appointments shall, for the purposes of Rule IV (*b*), be reduced to the extent of one-half of the contributions (*i. e.* $\frac{1}{21}$st part of the present sanctioned pay) whenever an appointment is vacated by an employé for whom a contribution is made under Rule IV (*a*).

VI. The accounts of the "Local Fund Pension Fund" referred to in Rule IV (*a*) are kept in the office of the Accountant General, Bombay, and the sanction for pensions claimed under Rule IV, clause (*a*) as well as (*b*) rests with Government.

VII. The salaries of all Local Fund employés (other than servants for whom contributions are not made under Rule IV) should be drawn in separate bills as temporary establishments whose services do not qualify for pension.

VIII. The salaries of Local Fund servants in inferior service (as defined in the Financial Codes) do not qualify for pension.

N. B.—Persons employed in collecting (under the orders of the Collector) assigned revenues are not Local Fund employés and their services do not qualify, *e. g.*, Cattle-pound munshis, Ferry employés, etc., etc.

Order under Bombay Act II of 1887.

(*Protection of Pilgrims.*)

APPOINTING AN EX OFFICIO COMMISSIONER IN KARA'CHI UNDER THE ACT.

Notn. No. 2779, General, dated 14th September 1887, B. G. G., 1887, Pt. I, p. 799.

Under the provisions of clause (*4*) of Section 2 of the Protection of Pilgrims Act, 1887, the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint the District Magistrate of Karáchi to be the Commissioner in Karáchi for the purposes of the said Act.

[a] This rule was added by Commissioner's Notn. No. 1081, dated the 1st June 1909, *S. O. G.*, 1909, Part I-A, page 28.